

## "Glancing Into The Past"

Evangelistic meetings were held to bring in a few,  
At such a meeting, P. P. Bliss was touched anew.

He was so inspired, that he wrote a song that night,  
"Almost Persuaded", that has turned many to the right.

The results of this song can not be counted by man,  
For its influence has spread over many a land.

Clinton Center Baptist Church is very well known,  
For from its influence other churches have grown.

Missionaries and Ministers have gone from here;  
while others remained and helped the church they hold dear.

If these old walls could talk, they would tell us many things;  
Some sad; many serious; while others happiness brings.

They would tell of laughing children and babies so sweet!  
Of young people growing up, and how they chanced to meet.

Several might recall the old hall, with door at each end,  
With women going in the south one, and the north by men.

There were a number thought this separation should not be,  
So then as couples went in the north one—for a remedy.

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Across from the church a cemetery can be seen  
A monument erected to our pioneers in '15.

Outside were sheds for horses, when families came to meeting.  
Driving up to the large stone step, there was the usual greeting.

There were buggies, buck-boards and also three seaters too.  
In winter - cutters, bob-sleighs and some others quite new.

Now the sheds are gone, and spruce trees make a lovely view;  
For the invention of the auto is now nothing new.

In '31, the church was remodeled, as you see.  
This modern look was due to the L. A. Society.

Generations have come and generations have gone.  
There have been revivals, with many a glorious song.

As we look back over the years; we realize  
What our forefathers handed down thru out their lives,

And think of this church standing firm these many years;  
That it still has the same message for our listening ears.

Time moves on, and many changes here have taken place,  
But the church does not change in its Saving Grace;

For as long as the world stands, there will always be  
A need for a church with workers in the community.

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